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98 Patuxent Institution Inmates To Receive Diplomas, Degrees, and Occupational Certificates

Graduation Ceremony Saturday, 9/13 at 9:30 a.m.

TOWSON, MD (September 10, 2008)---Patuxent Institution, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' renowned treatment facility in Jessup, will bestow GEDs, Associate of Arts degrees, letters of recommendation in applied sociology, and occupational certificates to 98 inmates on Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. Patuxent is located on Md. Route 175, one mile east of U.S. Route 1 in Jessup.

"Our role is to protect the public," says Patuxent's Director, Dr. Randall Nero. "And by providing rehabilitation, education, and treatment services, we are protecting the public, because these men and women will be less likely to commit new crimes and create new victims."

Patuxent features a near-zero recidivism rate and highly-acclaimed programs which require inmates to progress through a structured tier system. Inmates must be court-sentenced to Patuxent, and then accepted by the institution, in order to serve sentences there. The institution is also unique in that it houses both men and women---in separate facilities: approximately 790 men and 93 women. Seven women will be among those graduating during this ceremony.

The graduates on Saturday will receive:

14 high school GEDs
13 letters of recognition in applied sociology
15 Associate of Arts degrees
56 occupational certificates in telecommunications and computer repair

Members of the media who plan to attend should call Kristina Donnelly at the number above.

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